

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [02] with the following amended paragraph:

Memory devices (e.g., disk drives, flash cards, etc.) are increasingly requiring extended command sets to ~~provided~~provide enhanced functionality and specialized features. For example, many applications for memory devices require encryption services, extended access/ownership capability, copyright information, leasing and other time ~~bases~~-based parameters, and so on. The term memory device is meant to encompass a broad range of devices for storing data, and will be used interchangeably with data storage device throughout the discussion which follows.

Please replace paragraph portion beginning on page 4, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 illustrates an alternate embodiment of the present invention,[[ ,]] showing communication sequences for accessing an enhanced memory device;